

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the  
Southern District of Illinois

**NOTICE**

As requested in an email submitted to the clerk's office new case mailbox, a new civil case has been opened. Now documents must be filed electronically by the attorney who requested the case opening, and the filing fee is due immediately. The case number must be placed on pleadings before they are electronically filed. Internet credit card payments must be made online through [www.pay.gov](http://www.pay.gov).

Documents shall be filed electronically as follows:

- **Complaint** with civil cover sheet as an attachment to the entry. The CM/ECF filing event for a complaint is located under the heading of "Complaints and Other Initiating Documents;" or
- **Notice of Removal** with complaint, process, pleadings, and orders originally filed in state court and civil cover sheet as attachments to the entry. See 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7(a). The CM/ECF filing event for a notice of removal is located under the heading of "Notices."

A video demonstration on the procedure to file a complaint electronically is available at:

[http://www.ilsd.uscourts.gov/complaint\\_demo/File%20Complaint\\_demo.htm](http://www.ilsd.uscourts.gov/complaint_demo/File%20Complaint_demo.htm)

NOTE: Electronic transmission of a document to the ECF system, together with the transmission of a "Notice of Electronic Filing" from the court, constitutes filing of the document for all purposes of the federal rules and the local rules of this court and constitutes entry of the document on the docket kept by the clerk. See Southern District of Illinois Electronic Filing Rule 3. **Even though a file has been opened in the clerk's office, the complaint or notice of removal is not deemed "filed" with the clerk until it is transmitted to the ECF system.**

Summons should be submitted to the clerk's office for issuance by sending it by email to [newcases\\_eaststlouis@ilsd.uscourts.gov](mailto:newcases_eaststlouis@ilsd.uscourts.gov) or [newcases\\_benton@ilsd.uscourts.gov](mailto:newcases_benton@ilsd.uscourts.gov) or by mailing it to the clerk's office through the United States Postal Service. The issued summons will be returned to the requesting attorney once the complaint has been filed. The CM/ECF filing event "Summons Issued" will notify the attorney that the summons has been issued.

Additional information about the procedure for filing a new civil case can be found in the CM/ECF User's Manual Section 4.0, page 4.1, or by calling the CM/ECF Help Desk at (618) 482-9296 (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time).